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SUBJECT: RWANDAN VIEWS ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN QUESTIONS

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1. SUMMARY: DISCUSSION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA WITH ACTING FONMIN, SEC-GEN RENZAHO, APR 14, 1977, INDICATED GOR PLEASED WITH RECENT US INITIATIVES BUT FEARS THAT WORST EXPECTATIONS WILL BE REALIZED IF REGIONAL PROBLEMS NOT SOLVED SOON.

2. NAMIBIA--TAKING ADVANTAGE OF PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT, AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED GROUP OF FIVE DEMARCHE WHICH RENZAHO CALLED "VERY GOOD INITIATIVE", IN LINE WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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GOR POSITION AND CLOSER TO POLICY STANCE TAKEN BY OAU.

GOR ALSO BELIEVES SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF ISSUE

IMPOSSIBLE GIVEN EXCLUSION OF SWAPO FROM TURNHALLE CONFERENCE.

IT THUS SUPPORTS ACTIONS SUCH AS DEMARCHE, WHICH PRESS FOR SOLUTION PRESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION 385.

3. DRAFT UN DECLARATION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA--RENZAHO ALSO

APPLAUDED RECENT EFFORTS OF US AND EUROPEANS TO DEVELOP COMPROMISE DRAFT DECLARATION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA. US MUST TAKE AN EVEN "MORE PROGRESSIVE" POLICY LINE, HE SAID, BUT WHEN URGED THAT AFRICAN STATES MUST BE MORE UNDERSTANDING OF WESTERN INTERESTS, HE REPLIED, "FRIENDS ARE FRIENDS". RENZAHU REITERATED THAT RWADNA FEARS THAT ITS WORST EXPECTATIONS WILL OCCUR IN SOUTHERN AFRICA IF SOLUTION TO APARTHEID QUESTION NOT REACHED QUICKLY.

4. OWEN VISIT--WHILE NOTING THAT INITIATIVE GOOD, RENZAHU STILL, AS WAS FOREIGN MINISTER NSEKALIJE; VERY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT OUTCOME OF TRIP. HE IMPLIED BRITISH WERE OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT RECONVENING GENEVA CONFERENCE, A PREOCCUPATION WHICH COULD LEAD TO RESULTS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF RICHARD TRIP. GOR REMAINS WORRIED ABOUT ROLE OF MUGABE AND NKOMO IN ANY FUTURE SETTLEMENT. NOTING PERSONAL SYMPATHIES LAY WITH MUZOREWA, RENZAHU COMMENTED FULL PARTICIPATION OF MILITARY LEADERS (WHO HE FEELS NOW GET SUPPORT FROM LESS THAN DESIRABLE SOURCES, I.I. SOVIETS, CUBANS) NECESSARY FOR SUCCESS OF ANY BLACK RHODESIAN GOVT. IF EXCLUDED, HE SAID, MILITARY WILL SIMPLY TAKE POWER FROM CIVILIANS.

5. SPORTS BOYCOTT--RENZAHU UNAWARE OF POSSIBILITY OF BOYCOTT AGAINST AMERICAN ATHLETES AS RESULT DAVIS CUP COMPETITION. SYMPATHETIC TO US CONCERNS, HE PROMISED TO MAKE NOTE IN CASE QUESTION SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO GOR.

6. COMMENT: GOR OBVIOUSLY HOPING FOR MODERATE OUTCOME IN SOUTHERN AFRICA BUT DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT RADICALS WITH

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COMMUNIST (SOVIET) TIES MAY GAIN UPPER HAND. BECAUSE IT IS NOT IN A POSITION TO TAKE ACTIVE LEADING ROLE, AND IN LINE WITH GOR VIEW THAT SOUTHERN AFRICA HAS BECOME SETTING FOR GREAT POWER CONFLICT, GOR WILL PROBABLY CONTINUE TO URGE US TO TAKE MORE ACTIVE INTEREST IN SOUTHERN AFRICAN AFFAIRS DURING COMING MONTHS.

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